



AOWB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Alabama On-site Wastewater Board (AOWB) held its sixty fifth board meeting on April 19, 2011. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. at 450 South Union Street in Montgomery, Alabama. Officers present were: Chad Mercer (Chairman); Dale Mask (Vice-Chairman); Hack Sain (Treasurer). Other Board members present were: Steven McDaniel, Leon Archer, Kelly Allen, Barrett Vaughan, Alton Williams. Ms. Carolyn Gibson was absent.

Special Guest were: Mr. Danny Brown with Kess Environmental came before the Board to address issues concerning management entities and license installers.

Mr. Phillip Lee with the Utility Contractors Association came before the Board to request a ruling on General Contractors installing Advance Level II systems.

Mr. Thomas Booth came before the Board to discuss reinstatement of his license.

Rule Changes

The Board approved the following changes to the Administrative Code:

\$25 reinstatement fee for a license suspended for lapsed bond.

Remove the \$500 delinquent fee for “failure to renew license from April 16 thru December 31.

Office Closures/meetings/ deadlines

- AOWB Quarterly Meeting - 07-26-2011
- May 30, 2011 AOWB-CLOSED
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Declaratory Rulings

Mr. Gifton Dennis requested a declaratory ruling for waiver of late fees (for health reasons). Request was granted.

Mr. Marion Watson requested a declaratory ruling for waiver of late fees (for health reasons). Request was granted.

Continuing Education and Training Requirements

628-X-3-.05 The Board shall adopt programs for initial training to become licensed and continuing education for licensees as presented by the education coordinator or the Executive Director. The Education Coordinator or Executive Director may recommend to the Board the approval or disapproval of courses and classes that meet the requirements for initial training and continuing education credit hours for licensees.

Courses, classes or shows desiring approval by the Board shall submit prior to advertising the availability of subject classes, a complete agenda of coursework to include date, time and location and hours to be obtained. (Emphasis added).

TRAC Program – allows AOWB licensees to install onsite wastewater systems for continuing education credits. The program was established by and shall be administered by the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association (AOWA). Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association Executive Director, Dave Roll (334-396-3434), shall be contacted for approval and scheduling of system installations. Because repairs are time sensitive, the Board shall approve the TRAC program at the January Board meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the AOWA to provide to the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board the following information, **(1)** an agenda consisting of (a) location of system (b) instructors (b) classroom discussion (c) onsite discussion, (d) a “start” and a “complete” time **(2)** a sign in sheet consisting of (a) licensee’s signature, (b) licensee’s number and (c) number of credits (hours) received.

Online Continuing Education -- www.redvector.com. *This site has been approved by the Alabama Onsite wastewater Board for CEU. Courses shall be relevant to the onsite industry. Contact the Executive Director (AOWB) for approved courses prior to purchasing/starting any course.*

Classroom Continuing Education provided by the AOWA – (1) 2011 AOWA Trade Show at Pelham Civic Complex on 500 Amphitheater Rd in Pelham AL. March 31-April 1. (2) Montgomery Alabama at the State of Alabama Agriculture Building on Congressman Dickerson Drive. April 29, 2011 – 10 ceu hours. Start 7 am end 5 pm. (3) Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center, 795 Ross Clark Circle in Dothan AL. June 23-24, 2011. (4) Lake Guntersville State Park located at 7966 Alabama Hwy. 227 in Guntersville AL. (5) Florence Lauderdale Coliseum located at 702 East Veterans Dr. in Florence AL. September 8-9, 2011. (6) John Archer Ag Center located in Mobile AL. October 27-28, 2011. (7) UWA in Livingston, AL. December 1-2, 2011.

Health Department Training Classes – Shall be submitted to the AOWB for approval prior to advertising or scheduling.

Florida Wastewater Association has applied for and received AOWB approval for 2 ceu classes.

The Georgia Wastewater Association has not applied for or received approval for ceu classes in the State of Georgia there no ceu will be allowed

LICENSING CLASSES

All Licensing Classes are held at the University of West Alabama, Livingston

Basic Installer Class—A test application must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Test Fee -- \$100. (a) June 1-3, 2011 (b) September 21-23, 2011

Advanced Installer Level I Class—A test application must be completed and received In this office prior to taking the test. Test Fee-- \$150. (a) July 20-22, 2011 (b) October 12-14, 2011.

Advanced Installer Level II Class—A test application must be completed and received In this office prior to taking the test. Test Fee -- \$200. (a) August 24-26, 2011, (b) November 16-18, 2011.

Pumper Class—A test application must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Test Fee -- \$100. (a) July 7-8, 2011, (b) November 16-18, 2011.



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THE MISSION OF THE ALABAMA ONSITE WASTEWATER BOARD

The Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board was created to examine, license and regulate persons engaged in manufacturing, installation or servicing of onsite wastewater systems, including portable toilets, in Alabama. This Board was also created to establish the qualifi-

cation levels for those engaged in the manufacture, installation, servicing, cleaning or pumping of onsite wastewater systems and equipment in Alabama and promote the proper manufacture, installation and servicing of onsite wastewater systems.

Manufacturing—(1) A test application must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Test cost -- \$100. (a) July 11, 2011, (b) October 3, 2011

2011 Licensees

Check your license status and information online at www.aowb.alabama.gov. The website is updated each Monday.

2012 Renewals

License renewals are accepted from October 1, 2011 until December 31, 2012, without a late fee or penalty. A licensee may renew online or complete 2012 application and mail to the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board. A 2012 application must be requested by mail in a timely manner. When using a written application for renewal, the following items must be submitted to the AOWB (a) copy of current bond, (b) copy of education units (c) a check or money order made payable to the AOWB (**cash will not be accepted as payment**).

Bonds

Alabama law requires that “the executive director shall **immediately suspend any active licensee without a current bond on file**. The executive director shall reinstate the active license once a reinstatement fee is paid by the licensee and the bond is reactivated or replaced.” To insure compliance, please mail your continuance to the AOWB.

Administrative Rulings

Respondent was charged with: Count 1 -- installing an onsite septic system on or about September 18, 2010 without a permit from the local health department, Count 2 -- installing an onsite septic system on or about September 18, 2010 without a permit from the local health department. Respondent was fined \$500.00 on each count for a total of \$1000 with the fine being due and payable by December 30, 2011.

Respondent was charged with installing an onsite septic system on or about May 20, 2010 without a permit from the local health department. Respondent was fined \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) with the fine being due and payable by December 30, 2011. Respondent's inactive license will be suspended until December 30, 2011, and he will have to be re-educated to get his installer license back.

Consent Agreements

Respondent repaired an onsite septic system with a current Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board license. Respondent was fined \$200.

Respondent repaired an onsite septic system with a current Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board license. Respondent was fined \$250.

Alabama District Court Verdicts

An individual was arrested in Jefferson County for installing without a current AOWB license. The individual “is ordered to perform hard labor for Jefferson County for 3 months, Said hard labor sentence is suspended and the defendant is placed on unsupervised probation for a period of 24 months. As a condition of the probation the defendant is ordered: